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Gates Library Program grants total \$4.5 million in Missouri

Missouri public libraries will receive equipment and training valued at \$4.5 million through grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Program.

Award letters were mailed at the end of September to approximately 220 libraries and library branches. These libraries will receive cash grants for computer hardware, software, training, and technical support.

The amount of equipment awarded to each library was determined by the poverty level in the area the library serves. Also offered to each library will be "Before Your Computer Arrives" workshops, to be conducted by Gates Foundation personnel in seven locations. Additional training will be offered next year.

"This is an exciting time for Missouri's libraries," said Secretary of State Matt Blunt. "The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will bring electronic resources to Missourians who rely on their library for access to the Internet. These grants also will give library patrons greater access to a variety of computer software ranging from the Magic School Bus reading software for children to Word 2000." Secretary of State Blunt has made improving library services in Mis-

souri one of his top administrative and legislative priorities.

In addition to individual library grants, the Gates Foundation has awarded seven supplemental training labs to regionally located libraries. "The seven computer labs will create a network to bring needed training to library personnel and patrons," said Blunt.

"Through this generous grant, libraries will have the expanded ability to host training sessions for their communities as well as surrounding library personnel."

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Program is dedicated to partnering with libraries to bring access to computing, the Internet, and digital information to people in low-income communities, and those caught in the "Digital Divide." The grant program has four main goals: to close the "Digital Divide" in all 50 states, to provide public access computing in over 9,500 libraries by 2003, to provide intensive training and technical assistance, and to provide a basis for long-term financial sustainability for technology at the state and local level.

To date, the foundation has provided approximately \$106,000,000 to public libraries.

Awards to Missouri libraries

Number of PCs:	630
Content servers:	43
Printers:	215

Gates training labs located across the state

Seven supplemental training labs funded through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will open next year in Missouri. Located in public libraries, the labs will support training for both staff and patrons. The labs also will be available for use by the State Library and libraries in the region. Each lab will include 11 computers with preloaded software, 11 Spanish keyboards, a laser printer, and an LCD projector. Libraries receiving the labs include:

Bonne Terre Memorial Library
Camden County Library, Camdenton
Daviess County Library, Gallatin
Keller Public Library, Dexter

Little Dixie Regional Libraries, Moberly
Nevada Public Library
West Plains Public Library

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Blunt announces grant for State Library

Secretary of State Matt Blunt has announced the receipt of a grant to the Missouri State Library from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Program. The State Library will receive \$2,180 for computer hardware, software, training, and technical support. The grant will provide one Gates stand-alone computer, which will be located in the State Library's reference area for public use.

State Librarian Sara Parker said, "This grant will enable the State Library to provide additional and needed access to the Internet for our users."

Fall 2001 grant opportunities for Missouri libraries

All types of Missouri libraries are eligible to apply for grants that address staff training and consulting services.

■ **Bring in an Expert** makes available funds for securing the services of qualified Missouri consultants and experts. Libraries may request grants up to \$5,000 to hire an expert for up to two days of on-site consultation. This program gives the library the opportunity to identify an expert to match its unique needs—from space or technology planning to collection development and Web design.

■ **Show Me Steps to Career Development** is available year round for assistance to all library staff and public library trustees in developing library-related skills. This program enables library staff to attend training events and conferences with some match from local institutions.

For more information about these grants, go to <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/>.

Statewide CE info goes electronic

Planning a regional library event? Searching for a nearby management workshop? You can find the latest training information

by using the new Library Continuing Education Calendar at <http://mosl.sos.state.mo.us/lib-ser/calendar>.

A project of the State Library and the Missouri Library Association, the electronic calendar is available for posting Missouri library events. Library staff can submit information about upcoming meetings and workshops or check on continuing education opportunities throughout the state.

The calendar offers 21 categories and a custom search feature. It also links to other training providers such as the Missouri Library Network Corporation and the Kansas City Metropolitan Library Network.

Letters About Literature 2002

The Missouri Center for the Book will again sponsor the Letters About Literature contest with Weekly Reader Corporation and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. The contest invites students to write a letter to an author—living or dead—explaining how the author's book changed their way of viewing the world and themselves. The contest has two competition levels: Level I for students in grades 4-7 and Level II for students in grades 8-12.

Judges for the Weekly Reader and the Center for the Book will select a national winner on both levels for cash awards of \$500. The Missouri Center's judges also will select state winners and present cash awards to the top essayists. Last year, almost 1,000 Missouri students entered the contest.

For contest rules and to download an entry coupon, go to the Missouri Center's website at <http://books.missouri.org/> or call 800-325-0131, ext. 8, to request the information. Also on the website are the letters from Missouri's 2001 winners.

Trustees, mark your calendars!
Missouri Library
Trustee Academy
February 15-16, 2002

Highlighting youth services and literacy

State Library offers new grant programs

Secretary of State Matt Blunt and State Librarian Sara Parker have announced the establishment of two new grant programs supported with federal Library Services and Technology Act funds: After School Connections Grants and ESL Conversation Practice Groups. Both programs are open to Missouri public libraries certified to receive state aid.

After School Connections

This one-year pilot program is designed to allow public libraries to provide after school experiences for young people in grades four through eight who do not traditionally use the library. The program's objectives are to offer positive and enriching experiences for youth which will develop their reading skills, introduce library services and stimulate their use, and present opportunities for positive interactions with their peers and adults. After-school projects may include reading and writing activities, homework help, instruction in library technology, volunteer opportunities, or other activities deemed eligible by the State Library.

Each library outlet may apply for grants from \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000. Up to five branches/service centers within a library system may participate in a single project. However, individual series of after-school programs may not be spread across multiple branches. To target a consistent audience, each series of programs must be conducted at a specific branch outlet.

English Conversation Partners Groups

English language conversation groups have existed in a variety of formats since public libraries began serving immigrant populations at the turn of the century. In whatever format, the groups provide conversational English practice and exposure and an opportunity for learners to practice their new language skills in a realistic speaking environment with an English-speaking native U.S. citizen. Conversation practice programs complement formal English classes and/or allow speakers with some English competence to expand their conversational skills. The State Library suggests two formats for these groups, both of which can be effective ways to explain cultural and survival material:

- **Conversation partner pairs.** The library recruits and trains a core of English-speaking volunteers and pairs each of them with a non-native speaker who wants or needs to improve English facility. The same pairs meet on a regular basis over time for semi-structured conversation and speaking practice. When necessary, two non-native speakers may be paired with the English-speaking volunteer. This format maximizes actual engaged practice time and individualized assistance.
- **Conversation club.** This program mixes learners from different language groups with somewhat-trained native English speakers in small groups to practice spoken English and learn together about life in the U.S. This format requires fewer volunteers and accommodates work schedules of non-native speakers who may not be able to attend regular sessions. It works best when the learners are from different language groups so that English is the only vehicle for conversation.

Libraries can also use the grant funds to provide partial support for childcare or a concurrent children's English literacy activity.

Guidelines and applications for both programs may be downloaded from the State Library's website at <http://www.sos.state.mo.us/library/>.



Web Watch

Classroom Clipart

<http://classroomclipart.com/cgi-bin/kids/imageFolio.cgi>

This site offers thousands of free clip art images, using a directory, on topics ranging from animals and countries to music and sports. Before using an image, check the "Terms of Use" link.

Free Agent.com

<http://www.freeagent.com>

Freelancers and consultants can find jobs as well as services to manage their books, benefits, and office needs on this site. Employers can post a project, and those looking for work can post an "e.portfolio." The site even has a barter marketplace.

InvisibleWeb.com

<http://www.invisibleweb.com>

A specialized directory and search engine that links to 10,000 databases, archives, and search engines on the "invisible Web." The term refers to rich sources of quality information deep within databases buried below the surface of many websites. This information is often inaccessible through traditional search engines. Instead of pulling down repetitive information on the subject you're searching, this site provides targeted, specific information.

Books for Teens

The New York Public Library's Office of Young Adult Services has published *Books for the Teen Age 2001: A Guide to the Best Books, Old and New*. The booklist includes more than 100 titles for teenagers, ages 12 to 18. It is available from the Office of Branch Libraries, The New York Public Library, 455 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016. Copies are \$10 each; shipping/handling is \$1.00 for one copy, \$1.25 for two to five copies, and \$1.50 for bulk orders.



Missouri librarians discuss future service issues

In a series of meetings held across the state in the spring, State Librarian Sara Parker proposed three questions to librarians concerning funding priorities and future directions for library service in Missouri:

- 1 *What do you think are the top three actions which should be taken in the next three to five years to improve library service?*
- 2 *What would be your first priority for using more ongoing funding from the state?*
- 3 *Are there one-time investments which could push Missouri library service forward?*

More than 200 librarians attended the meetings, which ranged from meetings with regional library groups such as Librarians Anonymous and Librarians 911 to meetings with school librarians, members of the MOBIUS consortium, and public library directors. Input from the meetings has been analyzed and will be used for planning by the State Librarian, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary's Council on Library Development.

A summary of priorities follows. To request a copy of the analysis, contact Terrie Arnold, Missouri State Library at 573-751-2751 or send an e-mail to arnolt@sosmail.state.mo.us.

Top priorities for Missouri's library future

- Technology and information access ranked very high at all meetings. Among the concerns was the need for help in keeping current with technology, the increasing demand for electronic resources, and the importance of MOREnet to libraries and the state. Strong support for First Search was expressed as was the need to add Missouri records for a statewide union catalog of library materials. Questions were also raised about the problems that might arise should filters be mandated for library computers.
- Librarians gave high priority to staffing libraries to meet increased demands by

users, especially helping patrons with computers and electronic information resources. The need for more staff and increased salaries was noted at every meeting; often mentioned was the need for libraries to be open more hours.

- Funding library facilities was deemed very important, and librarians cited new construction, renovation projects, and support for security, energy conservation, and accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Training for library personnel was another area of high emphasis. Librarians expressed a clear preference for regional training and an interest in funding for professional development, a scholarship program, and trustee education.

Banned Books Week turns 20

In Muskogee, Oklahoma, the high school principal decides to pull Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* from the required reading for freshman because of racially charged language. At roughly the same time, the Chicago Public Library chooses the same book, a childhood favorite of Mayor Richard M. Daley, as the first book in a new citywide reading initiative.

For 20 years, libraries and bookstores across the country have worked to call attention to the fact that books are under attack every year. *The Chocolate War* and *Of Mice and Men* are continually targeted by would-be censors, while the Harry Potter series has caught the spotlight in the past two years.

The American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom has recorded more than 6,000 book challenges since 1990. It is estimated that less than one-quarter of all challenges are reported and recorded.

A "challenge" is defined as a formal, written complaint filed with a library or school about a book's content or appropriateness. The majority of challenges (roughly 60 percent) are brought by parents, followed by library patrons and administrators.

In Missouri, the Harry Potter books have

been questioned in several schools, but no books have been removed from school library media centers during the last two years, according to Sharon Early, chair of the Missouri Association of School Librarians' Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Classrooms and school libraries are increasingly on the front lines of attempts to restrict reading materials. In the 1990s, more than 70 percent of all challenges were to materials in schools or school libraries.

The "Ten Most Challenged Books of 2000" reflect a wide variety of themes and issues:

Harry Potter series, by J.K. Rowling
The Chocolate War, by Robert Cornier
Alice series, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Killing Mr. Griffin, by Lois Duncan
Of Mice and Men, by John Steinbeck
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, by Maya Angelou
Fallen Angels, by Walter Dean Myers
Scary Stories series, by Alvin Schwartz
The Terrorist, by Caroline Cooney
The Giver, by Lois Lowry

New leaders for NEH and NEA

The U.S. Senate has confirmed President George W. Bush's nomination for chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities and is considering his nomination or chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

* Dr. Bruce M. Cole, distinguished professor in the Henry Hope School of Fine Arts at Indiana University, Bloomington, will become the NEH chairman. A highly regarded art historian, Cole previously served on the National Council on the Humanities, the advisory board to NEH, during the administration of President George H.W. Bush. He has been an IU faculty member since 1973.

Cole received his Ph.D from Bryn Mawr College in 1969. For two years, he was the William E. Suida Fellow at the Kunsthistorisches Institute in Florence. He also has had fellowships and grants from, among others, the Guggenheim Foundation, the

American Council of Learned Societies, the NEH, the Kress Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, and the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Aside from many journal articles, Cole has published 12 books. Mainly devoted to the art of the Italian Renaissance, these include both scholarly monographs and surveys aimed at the student and general reader.

* Dr. Michael Hammond, dean of the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University since 1986, has been proposed as head of the NEA, the largest single funder of the nonprofit arts sector. He has led the music school at Rice to its standing as one of the finest university-based music schools in the nation. In 1999, the Rice alumni association awarded him its gold medal for distinguished service to the university.

Before coming to Rice, Hammond was the founding dean of music for the new arts campus at the State University of New York at Purchase. He was also responsible for planning the facilities and curriculum of the music school there and later served as president of the college. Before going to New York, he had been director of the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music in Milwaukee. He has also served as the founding Rector of the Prague Mozart Academy in the Czech Republic, now the European Mozart Academy.

He earned his degrees at Oxford University (as a Rhodes Scholar) in philosophy, psychology, and physiology and has taught neuroanatomy and physiology at Marquette Medical School and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Website provides volunteer opportunities for kids

Idealist.org, a project of Action Without Borders (AWB), is one of the richest communities of nonprofit and volunteering resources on the Web, with information provided by 24,000 organizations in 152 coun-

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Copyright Office receives first e-books for registration

This summer, the U.S. Copyright Office received its first e-books for electronic copyright registration and deposit. McGraw-Hill Companies submitted two e-books to the Copyright Office—*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Wireless Web* and *The BusinessWeek Guide to the Best Business Schools*—via the Office's CORDS system. The two books were the first copyright claims and deposits of full-length e-books transmitted over the Internet and processed entirely in digital format through CORDS.

The CORDS system offers e-book publishers the benefit of more efficient filings, saving time and effort in preparing and transmitting copyright applications and deposited works electronically. Once received in the office, CORDS simplifies processing of copyright applications for e-books by avoiding much of the key-stroking and handling required by paper-based registration procedures. CORDS checks the authenticity and integrity of digital submissions through digital signatures and provides safe and secure storage of digital works.

Copyright registration for e-book claims can be completed in a few weeks through CORDS, rather than the longer time period it takes to process claims through traditional procedures.

New GED exam coming in January

The clock is ticking for Missourians who dropped out of high school and are trying to earn their GED certificate. They have until December 1 to pass all five parts of the current GED exam. Starting January 1, 2002, a new GED exam will be used nationwide, and candidates' previous test scores will no longer count toward the certificate.

The current General Educational Development exam, in use since 1988, is a series of five tests, each measuring the skills considered to be the major outcomes of a high school academic program. The five sections cover literature and the arts, mathematics, social studies, science, and writing skills. The writing portion includes a 200-word essay.

The new GED exam will feature major changes from the 1988 series. Candidates will encounter more business-related items and will be required to edit and organize text in business documents such as resumes, letters of application, and employee handbooks. Less text and more graphics will be used, including charts, maps, photos, and timelines.

The high school equivalency program was established in 1942 for returning World War II veterans who never finished high school. The GED test is sponsored by the American Council on Education. Each state department of education contracts with the council for rights to use the exam.

Volunteer opportunities for kids

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tries and more than 15,000 visitors every day. This website has received lots of e-mail from young people around the world, asking AWB to refer them to places where they can volunteer or get involved in their community.

To meet this need, Idealist has launched a new site for kids, teens, and teachers at <http://www.idealists.org/kt>. The site includes: organizations started by kids, volunteer opportunities for people under 18, resources for starting community projects, and for addressing personal questions and problems, links to a variety of nonprofit sites for kids, and how to use Idealist in the classroom.

If you know of an organization in your community that could use people under 18 as volunteers, post your opportunities at <http://www.idealists.org>.

Recruiting for the profession

"Looking for Leaders in the Information Age" is a fast-paced, eight-minute video that profiles library and information professionals as they talk about their careers in the information age and explores the many career opportunities available to those with a library and information science degree.

Produced by the Ohio Library Council, the video highlights all types of libraries and gives an overview of the career and degree requirements. Support materials include multiple copies of five separate brochures and a fact sheet outlining scholarship information.

To review a segment of this video, go to the OLC website at <http://www.olc.org> and click on "What's New?"

The video and brochure packet is available for \$40.00. To request an order form, phone the OLC at 614-221-9057 or send an e-mail to olc@olc.org.

How much financial support does the state provide Missouri public libraries?

There can be several different answers to this questions. State Librarian Sara Parker has compiled the following answers for the July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001 fiscal year:

- ✿ per capita state aid applied to the total Missouri population:
1990—\$.4579
2000—\$.4188
- ✿ per capita state aid applied to the population served by Missouri public libraries:
\$.5155
- ✿ total per capita state aid and equalization applied to the total Missouri population:
1990—\$.6414
2000—\$.5865
- ✿ total per capita state aid and equalization applied to the population served by Missouri public libraries:
\$.7219
- ✿ total state aid and the out-of-state athletes & entertainers tax applied to the total Missouri population:
1990—\$.8203
2000—\$.7502
- ✿ total state aid and the out-of-state athletes & entertainers tax applied to the population served by Missouri public libraries:
\$.9233
- ✿ total state aid, the out-of-state athletes & entertainers tax and the part of the REAL proj-

ect which provides public library connectivity applied to the total Missouri population:

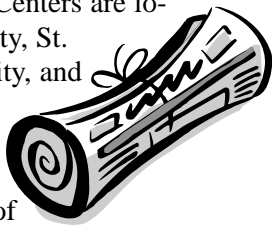
1990—\$1.2112

2000—\$1.1077

- ✿ total state aid, the out-of-state athletes & entertainers tax and the part of the REAL project which provides public library connectivity applied to the population served by Missouri public libraries: \$1.3633

Daily news service via telephone Newsline® coming to all eligible Missourians

Newsline®, a touch-tone telephone service that “reads” text from daily newspapers using digital technology and a computer-generated voice, will become available statewide in March 2002. Currently, Newsline Service Centers are located in Kansas City, St. Louis, Jefferson City, and Springfield. The service is offered by Wolfner Li-



brary to residents of Missouri who are unable to use standard print. Both local and national newspapers are offered through the service, which is provided by the National Federation of the Blind.

The new statewide service will be available through an 800 telephone number. To request an application form, call Wolfner Library at 800-392-2614. Registered patrons of Wolfner may complete their appli-

cations over the phone with a library staff member.

Wolfner Library director Richard Smith said, “The events of September 11 showed the importance of the Newsline service and accentuated the significance of local newspaper access that is possible through Newsline.” Both Smith and Debbie Musselman, Wolfner’s public services librarian, noted telephone calls to the Newsline service significantly increased as the blind community sought detailed information regarding the attack on the World Trade Center. In addition to the national newspapers, readers turned to the local newspapers available on Newsline to discover the impact this tragedy had on their own state and community. Musselman said, “Newsline proved itself as a crucial source of information during this time, and I believe it will continue to be a vital resource to the blind community in the future.”

Nominations needed for picture book award

The Building Block Committee is requesting all Missouri “picture book lovers” to submit nominations for next year’s Building Block Picture Book Award. Eligible titles must meet the following criteria:

1. Published in 2000 or 2001
2. Author and illustrator must be living and reside in the U.S.
3. Appropriate for storytime or one-on-one sharing and age appropriate (birth through kindergarten)
4. Picture and story work well together

Submissions should include: title, author, illustrator, publisher, publication date, author/illustrator residency (if possible). Send nominations by January 15, 2001, to Laura Vinograd, Spencer Road Branch Library, St. Charles City-County Library, 427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376.

Report focuses on ESOL students

The dramatic increase in the number of adults enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes over the last 20 years has gained the attention of policymakers on both state and national levels.

President Bush recently announced his plans to continue funding the English Literacy and Civics Education (EL/CE) formula grant to the states. With interest high and programs in demand throughout the country, these funds will make available more accessible English literacy instruction and civics education to those in need.

The National Institute for Literacy has issued a new report which summarizes the EL/CE initiative, discusses the background of English literacy and civics education in the U.S., and describes the adult English language learner population.

For a free copy of the report, titled *English Literacy and Civics Education for Adult Learners: Special Policy Update*, call NIFL at 800-228-8813. The report is also available as a PDF file on the NIFL website at <http://www.nifl.gov/nifl/policy/esl.pdf>.



newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)

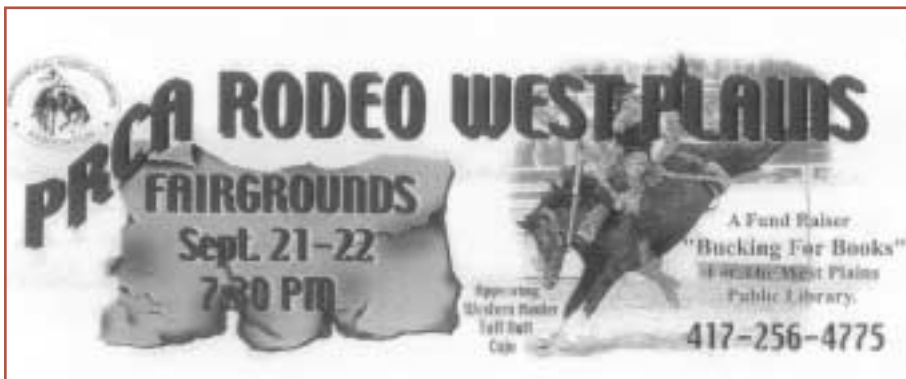
Rodeo benefits West Plains Public Library

The West Plains Public Library Foundation sponsored a rodeo in September, the organization's first annual fundraiser. Held on two evenings at the Heart of the Ozarks Fairgrounds in West Plains, the rodeo was dubbed "Bucking for Books."

Organized by the Professional Rodeo Association, the rodeo featured events for both children and adults.

Library director Debbie Fite said approximately 4,000 people attended the rodeo, and proceeds totaled \$34,000. The rodeo surpassed the foundation's expectations and, according to Fite, was one of the most popular events of the year in West Plains.

Fite said the foundation wants its main fundraiser to be family oriented, and since the rodeo proved so successful the board is making plans to make a rodeo its annual fundraising event.



Adult reading clubs prove popular at St. Louis libraries

Kirkwood Public Library and St. Louis Public Library have formed reading groups that provide incentives for adults to keep reading.

Kirkwood's book club runs from September through May, and is designed to give people extra encouragement to find space in their busy schedules for the regular enjoyment of good books. The theme for this

year's club is "Munch a Bunch of Books." The theme was chosen to "stimulate the appetite," said library director Wicky Sleight. "We all need the refreshment and the nourishment that books provide."

Adults ages 18 through 80+ are eligible to join the club. Members fill out book slips for the books they read and return them to the library. At the end of each month, all the book slips returned that month are entered in a drawing for a gift certificate donated by one of Kirkwood's fine dining establishments.

St. Louis Public Library's Page Turners club attracted 3,000 adults who read 15 books over the summer.

According to library director Glen Holt, St. Louis Public's cardholders, on average, read more than 55 books each through the past year. "That makes them one of the most voracious reading groups among America's millions of library users," Holt said.

Library Friends activities

★ The Friends of Kansas City Public Library sponsored its 18th annual Book Lovers' Book Sale in September at a local shopping center. The five-day sale offered 50,000 books donated by community members and organizations as well as retired library materials. The sale raised \$24,351, which will be used to purchase books, equipment, and other materials for the library.

Since the Friends founding in 1984, the group has raised more than \$300,000 for the library.

★ The Friends of St. Louis County Library have organized several author events for the fall season. Susan Perabo, a St. Louis author, presented a reading and signed copies of her new novel, *The Broken Places*, in September. October events include a visit to the library headquarters by Ha Jin, National Book Award winner for *Waiting*, and a presentation by Ruben Martinez, author of *Crossing Over: A Mexican Family on the Migrant Trail*. Martinez has appeared on Frontline, CNN, and NPR.

Cuba's library undergoes renovation

The Recklein Memorial Library in Cuba is undergoing an extensive renovation, which will give the library 60 percent more space for books and equipment. The renovation includes new shelving, elimination of aging fixtures, the addition of public access computers, and a total redesign of interior space.

The Recklein library, which is part of the Ozark Regional Library, had outgrown its space long ago. Library director John Mertens said, "The goal of this project, which we have been planning for some time now, has always been to provide a better and easier-to-use library."

Lebanon plans new library

Plans for the new Lebanon-Laclede County Library propose tripling the size of the current library, and allowing for 10,000 square feet of additional space. New features will be a café/computer lounge, a large public meeting room, and a children's patio. Also in the plan is increased space for the children's library, reference materials, and the genealogy and Missouri history area. The Laclede Literacy Council will have office space in the new library.

Fundraising for the \$3.5 million library is still in process, and library officials hope construction can begin in November 2002. The project architect is Michael Sapp of Springfield, whose firm designed The Library Center, Springfield-Greene County Library's headquarters.

Correction

On page 11 in the September 2001 *newsline*, order information for the U.S. Justice Department's free CD-ROM on ADA compliance was inadvertently omitted. The CD-ROM may be ordered by calling the department's ADA Information Line, 800-514-0301 (voice) or 800-514-0383 (TTY).



Kansas City Public Library staff enjoy a snuggly moment with Arthur (clockwise from top left: Danielle Day, Helma Hawkins, Mary Brown, Susan Wray, and Carrie McDonald). Arthur paid a visit to Kansas City Public's Main Library in September. At this special event, library staff gave away free paperback Arthur books, coloring and other activity sheets. Staff also had tables for library card sign-up and for Parents As Teachers.

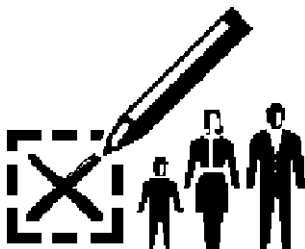


Patrons look over site plans, floor plans, and artist's renderings of the new 30,000-square-foot Lebanon-Laclede County Library. (Photo by Matt Decker, courtesy of the *Lebanon Daily Record*)

Library program ideas

Missouri libraries sponsor thousands of interesting and creative programs for their patrons. Here are some ideas compiled from public libraries' program guides and submissions to *newsline*:

Humor Keeps You Healthy
eBooks for Dummies
Juggling with a Twist
Cartooning How To
German War Bride's Story
How to Pay for College Without Going Broke
To Dye For!
Parent & Child Read-In
Marvelously Magnificent Mobiles
Masks from Around the World
Fall Garden Maintenance
What They Didn't Teach You About the Civil War
Small Business Consultations
Gifts from the Kitchen
Computer Basics for Kids
Make Your Own Scarecrow
Hands-on Research



Census profiles households and families

Census 2000 enumerated 281.4 million people, of whom 273.6 million were living in 105.5 million households. The majority of these households (52 percent) were maintained by married couples (54.5 million), while the second most common type of household (26 percent) consisted of people living alone (27.2 million).

A recently released Census 2000 Brief, *Households and Families: 2000*, presents information on the number and types of living arrangements derived from the item on the Census 2000 questionnaire that asked about the relationship to the householder. This item has been on the census since 1880, but new categories have been added through the years to reflect the growing complexity of American households.

To access this report on the Web, go to <http://www.census.gov/prod2001pubs/c2kbr01-8.pdf>.

Personal Notes

New Library Directors

Diana Bradford has been appointed director of the Taneyhills Community Library in Branson. She holds a B.S. in journalism from Kansas State University and before accepting her new position was a teacher in Branson schools.

Brenda Davis is the new director of the Caruthersville Public Library. A former educator, she spent 21 years as a K-12 librarian for the North Pemiscot School District. She retired two years ago after a 31-year teaching career.

Davis earned a master's degree in special reading from Arkansas State University and a B.S. in education from Henderson State University (AR). She holds a lifetime certification in library science from Arkansas State University.

Emily Gorham has been named director of the Canton Public Library. She has been a library employee for the past year and before that worked at the Carl Johann Memorial Library at Culver-Stockton College in Canton and at the Keokuk Public Library (IA). She received a B.A. in English from Culver-Stockton College.

Cathy James has been named director of the Northeast Missouri Library Service in Kahoka. She is a 13-year library employee, having worked in all departments during her tenure. She served as interim director before her new appointment.

Joan Henderson is the new director of the Ferguson Public Library. She received a graduate library degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia, a master's degree in management from Webster University, and an undergraduate degree in business administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She is currently working on her doctorate in education at UMSL.

Henderson has worked at the St. Louis Community College Library (Florissant

Valley and Meramec) and St. Charles City-County Library. She also served as an information officer in the research department at Washington University.

Frank Dalrymple is the new humanities reference librarian for the Miller Nichols Library at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He earned a B.A. in English at Appalachian State University (NC) and an M.A. in theater at the University of Missouri-Columbia. His M.L.I.S. is from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Diane Burger has joined the staff of Adair County Library as children's librarian. She succeeds Carolyn Scobee, who resigned to pursue a career as a professional storyteller. A graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, Burger served on the board of trustees at Brookfield Public Library where she also started a children's story hour and a summer reading program.

Shannon Crary has accepted the position of Mid-County Branch manager for St. Louis County Library. She has worked at the library since 1996, serving in the reference department at headquarters and in the Daniel Boone and Weber Road branches. She earned her graduate library degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a B.A. in German literature from the University of Cincinnati.

Marsha Ramey has been appointed manager of the new Sachs Branch of St. Louis County Library. Since joining the county library staff in 1998, Ramey has worked at the Grand Glaize and Cliff Cave branches. She also has worked as a children's librarian in several public libraries in Illinois and Iowa. Her M.L.S. is from Rosary College (IL), and her B.A. in sociology is from Elmhurst College (IL).

June DeWeese and **Tammy Greene**, librarians at the University of Missouri-Columbia's Ellis Library, are representing the university in Phase II of the Association of American Universities/Association of Re-

search Libraries German Resources Project (GRP). This is a one-year trial of document delivery to German libraries from selected research libraries in North America. Ellis Library is one of 11 libraries participating in the GRP.

Although the North American libraries have been able to request documents from Germany for several months, the German libraries have not had a mechanism in place to send requests to the GRP participants. The Research Libraries Group has provided copies of its ILL MANAGER and training for Phase II. Requests will be received via the ILL MANAGER from Gottingen University, which will act as the central processor for the German libraries.

Gena Scott has been named director of development for the University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries. She served as executive director of the Boone County Chapter of the American Red Cross for 11 years and most recently was major account manager for AT&T Growth Markets. She holds two degrees from MU: a B.S. in educational studies and an M.S. in educational and counseling psychology. She is the MU Libraries' first full-time director of development.

Awards and Honors

Valerie Darst, director of library services at Moberly Area Community College, has been elected chair of the MOBIUS Library Consortium, a statewide organization that includes 51 academic library members.

MOBIUS provides library information services in Missouri academic libraries by employing an automated library common platform system, which enables faculty and students to access the collections of academic libraries across the state and to place borrowing requests online. MOBIUS also provides advanced library support for distance learning via a union catalog and statewide delivery services.

Darst has been active in the MOBIUS organization since its 1997 creation. She has been with the MACC library for 18 years. The Association for Library Service for

Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, has announced that **Rachel L. Bohn** of Mountain Grove is a recipient of a 2001 Frederic G. Melcher Scholarship.

Bohn works at the Joplin Public Library as a children's librarian assistant where she provides reference help using both print and electronic sources, as well as assisting with bilingual story time and teen programs. Her goal is to become a children's librarian.

Bohn will receive \$6,000 from ALSC, made possible by contributions received in memory of Melcher. She will attend the University of Washington in Seattle.

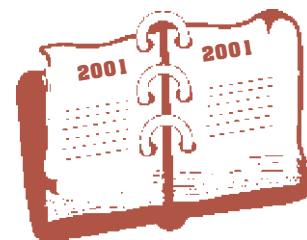
Glenda Davis, director of the Adair County Library, received a certificate of appreciation from the Adair County Commission for 10 years of service to the community. The commission noted the many changes during her tenure including automation of the card catalog, public Internet access, and the availability of multimedia resources.

Retirement

Margaret Howell, head of special collections at the University of Missouri-Columbia's Ellis Library, has retired after 27 years of service in that position. Under her direction, the special collections at MU have grown to include such rarities as the Alley Oop Collection, the Comic Art Collection, the Mary Lago Collection, and the Weinberg Journalists in Fiction Collection. She was responsible for the recent *Directory of Special Collections at the University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries*, published at UMC.

As library colleague Mike Cook said, Howell's "quiet enthusiasm for rare and unusual materials was especially evident when she conducted tours of Special Collections, proudly displaying examples of such curiosities as elephant volumes, books with fore-edge paintings, and the Libraries' leaf from the Gutenberg Bible."

Upcoming Events



October 25-27
Mid-America Association of
Law Libraries Meeting
St. Louis

November 1
National Family Literacy Day

November 2
Wolfner Advisory Council
Meeting
Jefferson City

November 7
National Young Reader's Day

November 8-10
Missouri Folklore Society
Annual Conference
Independence

November 12-18
National Children's Book
Week

November 29-30
Coalition for Networked
Information Task Force
Meeting
San Antonio

December 6-7
Missouri Public Library
Directors Winter Meeting
Osage Beach

December 11
Secretary's Council on
Library Development
Jefferson City

Library of Congress launches online international project



The Library of Congress has launched a new online international project called Portals to the World, a guide to Internet resources dealing with the countries and regions of the world.

Portals to the World (www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html) offers links to selective and authoritative electronic resources, arranged by country or geographic regions, with links for each, sorted in a wide range of broad categories. Each country portal is designed to be comprehensive, yet selective, and to cover topics of interest to specialists and the general public alike. Typical categories are business, commerce, economy, culture, education, government, politics, law, history, libraries, and archives, with some categories tailored to subjects of particular importance for the study of individual nations.

To date, links to electronic resources for 41 countries are available, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, and other Central Asian nations. When the project is completed in 2003, there will be a portal page for every nation of the world.

The project was designed by area specialists, librarians, and webmasters in the Area Studies Directorate of the Library of Congress. The links are selected by staff familiar with Internet resources for the individual countries. Preference is given to noncommercial sites, primarily those generated by organizations that can reasonably be expected to maintain them over a period of time.

Selected sites are predominantly in English, reflecting the first language of the Library of Congress's primary user group, but access to non-English sites is expected to increase.

“Fitting people with books is about as difficult as fitting them with shoes.”

Sylvia Beach,
Shakespeare & Company,
1959

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